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1. At the Council of Ministers held on 14 September 1953 it was emphasized that all measures possible must be taken to secure immediate expansion in exports from East Germany. The Minister of Foreign and Domestic Trade, Kurt Gregor, was instructed to take the necessary action.
2. On 24 September 1953, Gregor called a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign and Domestic Trade at which all the principal ministries and state secretariats concerned with export trade were represented. In the meeting the wording of the instructions to be issued to industry and trade was discussed and agreed upon. The instructions will enable concerns manufacturing for the export trade to demand a higher priority for raw materials and make the payment of premiums for plan fulfilment conditional upon fulfilment of the export plan. These instructions are to go into effect on 1 October 1953.

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